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[Part I]

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...he, Harriman, recommended quicker recognition of the Rumanian government, and it probably will soon be recognized by the American government.

Harriman said that he would like to talk with Comrade Stalin about Far-Eastern affairs, inasmuch as he had to go to the Far East. Comrade Stalin had told Harriman about his conversations with Chiang Ching-kuo, son of Chiang Kai-shek. Comrade Stalin said that Chiang insisted that the Soviet government undertake mediation between the communists and the national government in the matter of settling the civil war and finding a mode of agreement. He, Comrade Stalin, told Chiang that the Soviet government is adhering to the decision of the conference of the three ministers on China and that the Soviet government could not go into [1 group garbled], because it was not confident that

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in China.

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agreement with the national government.

[Part II]

When Harriman asked what, in Comrade Stalin's opinion, prevented the Chinese communists and the national government from coming to an agreement, Comrade Stalin answered that the main obstacle in the way of agreement was lack of mutual trust between the communists and the national government headed by Chiang Kai-shek. In that connection Comrade Stalin remarked that the Chinese communists did not set themselves the [1 group garbled] of sovietizing China; they were striving to democratize China completely and as rapidly as possible. Chiang Kai-shek also desired to democratize China, but not so fully, and he [1 group unrecovered] not [1 group unrecovered] with this. This was the difference between the Chinese communists and the national government. There were no profound differences between them. Harriman asked Comrade Stalin to give his views on measures for the political development of Korea and about Soviet-American [4 groups unrecovered] of trusteeship over Korea. Comrade Stalin answered that

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at the conference of ministers at Moscow.

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For example, complaints had been received from Soviet representatives in Korea that some American representatives in Korea are carrying on propaganda for abolition of the boundary line running along the 38th parallel, and coming out against the decision of the Moscow conference of the three ministers on the establishment of trusteeship over Korea. These American representatives represented the matter as if only the Russian had stood for trusteeship and the Russians at the conference of the three ministers at Moscow had cooked up the decision on establishment

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of trusteeship over Korea. In answer to Harriman's question who this was specifically, Comrade Stalin said that in particular the American General Lerch figured in such agitation. Harriman said he would check this information when he was in Korea, and assured Comrade Stalin that if American representatives in Korea were actually allowing themselves such actions, nevertheless such actions did not correspond to the policy of the government of the USA, which intended to carry out the agreement on Korea. Comrade Stalin said that

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concerning trusteeship over Korea was (were?) acting on the basis

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Comrade Stalin emphasized

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in 5 to 10 years, while the Soviet government had proposed limiting this period to 5 years, and that had in fact been adopted at the Moscow conference.

[Part III]

Harriman asked Comrade Stalin what view he held concerning the Japanese Emperor. Comrade Stalin answered that in his opinion the Japanese Emperor was not needed by either the Japanese people or the Allies. If the Allies were thinking of [1 group unrecovered] a democratic system in Japan that would pursue a policy of peace, then the Emperor

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, and in any case not prevent the Japanese from getting rid of him. [8 groups unrecovered] the same point of view.

Harriman asked Comrade Stalin his opinion concerning MacArthur's latest measures in Japan. Comrade Stalin answered that recently MacArthur [1 group unrecovered] arrest Japanese military men. That was good. But he, Comrade Stalin, did not know how [3 groups unrecovered] Japanese armed forces

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, Harriman asked how this [8 groups unrecovered] the Soviet Union and the USA. Comrade Stalin answered that

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war had shown the Soviet Union and the USA can find a common language. In his, Comrade Stalin's opinion, that was the main thing between the USA and the Soviet Union. Harriman [5 groups unrecovered] Comrade Stalin's opinion.

Comrade Stalin said that from time to time in the American press reports appeared that the Soviet Union was not raising the question of credit or a loan from the USA. From these reports it might be concluded that if the

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Soviet Union did raise the question of a credit or a loan the USA would meet it halfway in the matter.

[Part IV]

Stalin asked Harriman what he could say about this. Harriman said that he would answer Comrade Stalin's question affirmatively, but that he could not say anything definite about the amount and conditions of credit, as he was not acquainted with the latest views in Washington on the question, which he intended

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Harriman said that it would be

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the Soviet Union and the USA, including the question of a loan and the question of lend-lease payments. To Harriman's question whether this idea was acceptable to the Soviet Government Comrade Stalin answered that the Soviet Government was ready to enter into economic negotiations with the government of the USA, but not on the conditions proposed by the congressmen

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trips to the Soviet Union to check on compliance. Of course some of the conditions are insulting to the Soviet Union, and the Soviet Government simply will not accept such conditions for discussion. Harriman said that in the USA there was always a great desire to find a common language with the Soviet Union, and that that would of course have its influence on what the government of the USA undertook with regard to credit to the Soviet Union. Comrade Stalin answered that if such economic questions between the USA and the Soviet Union were settled, that would help to dissipate many doubts.

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Notes: [a] Also sent to London and Paris

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